on 1.4.97, Government has provided equity support to the extent of Rs. 350 crores to HUDCO. This enlarged capital base will help HUDCO to mobilise larger financial rsources for financing the housing and urban development schemes of State agencies.

(iii) Government has extended support to HUDCO to get loans on soft terms/grants from KFW and OECF and ABD.

(iv) HUDCO has been able to tap capital market through Government guarantee debentures/public sector bonds. During 1996-97 HUDCO raised Rs. 412 crores by way of tax free/taxable bonds.

(v) Certain exemptions under I.T. Act have been given for investment in housing.

(vi) Various fiscal incentives in the forms of excise and customs duty exemptions have been made available for production of innovative and cost effective building materials by utilising industrial and agricultural wastes.

(vii) With a view to ensuring larger investment in rental housing, model Rent Legislation has been drafted and sent to States for adoption or enacting legislations on similar lines.

(d) The National Housing Policy stipulats that the private developers and the organised sector will be encouraged to invest in various forms of housing and land development by access to finance, speedier approval of schemes and other forms of support, removal of constraints to assembly and development of land, while they will be induced to devote a significant proportion of the investment in housing for lower and middle-income groups at affordable prices and conform to non-exploitative practices. The extent and manner in which private sector is to be involved in their housing programmes depends upon the decisions of various State Governments in this regard.

Developments of Towns in Madhya Pradesh

4420. SHRI RAGHAVJI : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the schemes forwarded by the Madhya Pradesh Government for Central Assistance for the development of towns during the last three years;

(b) the towns to be developed under each scheme, togetherwith the cost thereof; and

(c) by when the decision would be taken by Govenment on those schemes and what are the reasons for the delay in taking a decision?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN AFFAIRS & EMPLOYMENT & MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (DR. U. VENKATESWARLU): (a) to (c) Under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Integrated Development of Small & Medium Towns (IDSMT), Government of Madhya Pradesh have submitted the proposals for undertaking schemes for improvement of physical and economic infrastructure and other essential facilities/services in 33 towns during the last three years. Out of these proposals, schemes in respect of 12 towns received during 1994-95 and conforming to the Pre-revised IDSMT Guidelines were approved by Government of India. The schemes in respect of the remaining 21 towns received during 1995-96 and 1996-97 under the Revised IDSMT Scheme were approved by the State Level IDSMT Sanctioning Committee of Madhya Pradesh. Townwise details of approved project cost and Central assistance released are annexed as Statement (*See* Below). Out of these 33 proposals, Central assistance amounting to Rs. 474.60 Lakhs was released to the State Govt. for 26 towns in order of priority. Central assistance could not be released during 1996-97 for 7 towns mentioned at serial nos. 27 to 33 in the

Annexure as these were extra towns over and above the allocation of 7 towns under IDSMT for the period 1996-98 conveyed to the State Govt. It is not possible to indicate a time frame as to when these 7 towns would be provided with Central assistance as the commitment for towns already selected is very large compared to the likely funds to be available in the near future.

Statement

Schemes Under IDSMT Received from Government of Madhya Pradesh and Approved During the Last Three Years (1994-95 to 1996-97)

Central Assistance Released

S.No.	Name of Town	Approved Project cost	1994-95	1995-96 (Rs. in Lakhs)	1996-97
1.	Pandhurna	191.690	23.00	—	—
2.	Sausar	90.780	11.00	—	—
3.	Khandwa	502.440	30.00	—	—
4.	Jaora	414.320	33.00	—	—
5.	Dalli-Rajhara	237.770	28.50	—	—
6.	Banmore	112.050	18.00	—	—
7.	Chitrakoot	100.090	8.00	—	—
8.	Pithampur	228.090	14.00	—	—
9.	Kawardha	125.260	10.00	—	—
10.	Narsinghpur	170.687	12.00	—	—
11.	Ajaygarh	124.190	8.00	—	—
12.	Garoth	100.340	8.00	—	—
13.	Rajgarh	100.630	—	16.00	—
14.	Diora	200.180	—	30.00	—
15.	Berasia	101.760	—	16.00	—
16.	Narsinghgarh	182.18	—	27.00	—
17.	Ashok Nagar	163.950	—	25.00	—
18.	Kanker	180.250	—	27.00	—
19.	Ganj Basoda	204.350	—	30.00	—
20.	Sihora	202.02	—	—	18.00
21.	Amarpatan	100.42	—	—	9.00
22.	Umaria	203.14	—	—	18.00
23.	Kasrawad	72.47	—	—	7.00
24.	Malhar	179.96	—	—	15.00
25.	Champa	202.39	—	—	17.00
26.	Janjgeer	208.15	—	—	16.00
27.	Balod	103.70	—	—	—
28.	Astha	200.84	—	—	—
29.	Bhatapara	208.89	—	—	—
30.	Jhabua	201.21	—	—	—
31.	Khurai	201.40	—	—	—
32.	Dhanpuri	111.69	—	—	—
33.	Raipur	750.00	—	—	—
	Total	6477.28	203.50	171.00	100.10
			Grand Total		474.60